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Next meeting:

Monday, Feb 18th, 3p.m. in St Anne's Resource Centre

NEW ELEMENT
All welcome!
"Tea – and – Chat" at 3.30 welcoming any who would like to meet others with time to spare and share!

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BARBARA TAKES A BREAK

Many of you will have had dealings with Barbara Lyons who has been the backbone of SCAN for a long time. She has been involved in all roles in the organization and more recently she has served as the Editor in Chief. When it appeared that it would no longer be possible to produce the SCAN newsletter because of a lack of adequate help, Barbara and her colleague Sheila Thomson successfully put out an appeal for new volunteers to do the vital work of getting SCAN ready for publication 10 months of the year. Barbara's intention had been to step down at that stage; however she was prevailed upon by the new team to stay on. That was over two years ago and now, because of other commitments, Barbara is stepping aside from SCAN for the time being. We are hopeful that Barbara will be in a position to rejoin us in the not too distant future. We really will miss her and her invaluable expertise. For the time being, we would like to wish her all the very best.

CHRISTMAS IN THE VILLAGE WOULD LIKE TO SAY A BIG THANK YOU

To everyone who took part on Sunday 25th November 2018. It is hard to believe that this event has been running every year for the past ten years. So when you get your 2019 calendar DON'T forget to save the date, Sunday 24th November, as this event is growing every year. It would be great to get more businesses, clubs, societies, groups, teams and everything in between to participate.

Thank you Rathmichael School, St Anne's Church, An Garda Siochana, Greystones Baton Twirlers, Shankill GAA, Vale View FC, Shankill FC, Wicklow Times, Danielle (photography) Stall holders, Entertainers, DLRCC, Credit Union, Cater-hire Sandyford, Volunteers, Brady's staff and of course YOU the public.

Thank you from the Committee: Emma, Brady's Pub, Ian, Fuji Photo, Anne, Shankill Blinds.

DANCE CLASSES IN SHANKILL

Well Dance classes for seniors will start up again in Shankill Tennis Club on Wednesdays on the 6th of February. Classes run from 1.45 to 3.00 p.m. They are organised on a drop in, pay as you go basis.

These classes are very enjoyable as well as good for fitness and all round exercise. You learn short routines and are also given opportunities in each class to dance in your own way. Creativity, expression, connection, fun and much more than just exercise, all set to great music. Also, there are always chairs in the room to sit down if you need a short break.

Ring 01 280 3455 or 0872231455 for more information.
See also the Well Dance web page:
http://www.dancetheatreireland.com/pages/WellDanceForSeniors.htm

OBITUARY - PADDY MEAGHER

The recent death of Paddy Meagher, late of Commons Rd. Loughlinstown and latterly of Shankill, reminds us of the vital part he played in both communities over many years.
As a founder member of Loughlinstown Residents Association he was to the forefront, with others, in ensuring that the 'Commons' was preserved when it was under threat of development. That there is now a vibrant Pitch & Putt club playing there is testament in no small measure to Paddy's efforts on behalf of the community. He also represented Loughlinstown on the Shankill Community Association committee where his dedication to civic effort would have been appreciated.

Condolences to his family. May he rest in peace.

Shankill Support Network for Separated and Divorced People

A support network for separated and divorced people has been set up and is open to persons of any faith denomination, or none.

All are welcome to contact us by texting 087 3646067 or by emailing us at *listeningear14@gmail.com*.

A supportive, compassionate person in the netywork will respond and together you can discuss how the network can be of help to you...either through one-to-one contact or by welcoming you into our monthly group meetings which are held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month, from 8 - 9.30pm at St. Anne's Resource Centre.

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SOME RELEVANT UPDATES:

Citizens Information

The maximum rate of all **weekly social welfare payments** will increase by €5 per week from week beginning **25 March 2019** with proportional increases for qualified adults and people on reduced rates of payment. This also applies to **employment programmes** such as Community Employment (CE) and Tús. People aged 25 and under who are getting **a reduced rate of Jobseeker's Allowance** will get the full €5 increase (from week beginning 25 March 2019. The weekly **rate for a qualified child will** increase from €31.80 to €34 for children under 12 years of age. It will increase from €31.80 to €37 for children aged 12 years and over - from week beginning 25 March 2019.

The Employment (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill proposes changes to **zero-hour contracts of employment.** Once the Bill is enacted it is expected to commence (come into law) in early March 2019. The main provisions of the Bill are as follows:

- Employers must give employees basic terms of employment within five days
- Prohibits zero hour contracts except in situations of genuine casual employment and where they are essential to allow employers to provide cover in emergency situations or to cover short-term absence
- A new minimum payment for employees called in to work but sent home again without work
- Banded Hours provisions: a new right for employees whose contract of employment does not reflect the reality of the hours they habitually work whereby they will be entitled to be placed in a band of hours that better reflects the hours they have worked over a 12 month reference period
- Strong anti-penalisation provisions: The Bill provides strong anti-penalisation provisions for employees who invoke their rights under this legislation. Further information on zero-hours contracts and employment rights is available from the Workplace Relation Commission's Information and Customer Service

On 2 January 2019, the **Domestic Violence Act 2018** came into effect. It consolidates the law on domestic violence and provides for additional protections for victims of domestic violence. These protections mean victims of domestic violence can: Apply for emergency barring orders in certain circumstances; Give evidence by video link in certain proceedings; be accompanied to court by someone they choose who can support them during a hearing. **A new offence about coercive control** also comes into force under the Act. Coercive control is a pattern of intimidation or humiliation that involves psychological or emotional abuse.

Drink Driving Offences - The law around drink driving has changed. Since **26 October 2018**, under the Road Traffic (Amendment) Act 2018, drivers who previously got 3 penalty points for certain drink driving offences will now be disqualified from driving for 3 months instead. It is an offence to drive in a public place if the level of alcohol in your blood, breath or urine is above the prescribed alcohol limit. There are different alcohol limits for new drivers and experienced drivers. New drivers are drivers with learner permits or drivers who have held a driving licence for 2 years or less, or people without a valid licence or permit. Drink driving offences can be dealt with through the administrative penalty system or the court system. However, the administrative penalty system only applies in certain cases, for example, where the driver has a valid licence or permit and their alcohol intake is below a certain level. The recent legislation changes the additional penalty for experienced drivers found with the lowest levels of alcohol in their system. These levels are:

1. 51mg to 80mg of alcohol per 100ml of blood
2. 68mg to 107mg of alcohol per 100ml of urine
3. 23mg to 35mg of alcohol per 100ml of breath

Previously, experienced drivers found with these levels of alcohol would be fined €200, and get an additional penalty of 3 penalty points. Now, these drivers will get the same €200 fine, but will also be disqualified from driving for 3 months.

Learner Drivers - The Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport, Shane Ross TD, announced the commencement of the unaccompanied learner driver provisions of the Road Traffic (Amendment) Act 2018, with effect from midnight 21st / 22nd December 2018, known as the 'Clancy Amendment'. These new provisions now make it an offence for the owner of a vehicle to knowingly allow an unaccompanied learner or an unlicensed person to drive his or her vehicle. A fine of 2,000.00 euro and / or six months in jail will be applied. The provisions also extend the power of detention under section 41 of the Road Traffic Act 1994 to allow the Garda Síochána to detain and impound a vehicle being driven, in the Garda's opinion, by an unaccompanied learner. **A learner permit is not a licence.** Learners have not passed a driving test.

The NCT (National Car Test) rules have changed recently - they include how defects are classified and how vintage vehicles are treated. All cars over 4 years old must take the NCT. If a car is liable for testing, it is an offence to drive the car without displaying a National Car Testing Service (NCTS) disc. How regularly a car is tested depends on its age. The test must be repeated:

- Every 2 years, if your car is over 4 years and less than 10 years old
- Every year, if your car is over 10 years, but less than 30 years old
- Every 2 years, if your car is between 30 and 39 years old and you are not using it for commercial purposes (this used to be every year)

Since 13 August 2018, defects identified during the NCT are classified as -

Minor: the vehicle has passed the test with minor faults. These faults must be repaired and the car must be re-inspected by the NCTS before you can get an NCT certificate.

Major: (previously fail refusal): the vehicle has failed the test. You must get it repaired and have it re-inspected by the NCTS within 30 days. If it passes re-inspection, you will get an NCT certificate.

Dangerous: (previously fail dangerous): the vehicle has failed due to a dangerous defect that poses a direct or immediate risk to road safety. The NCTS will put a 'failed dangerous' sticker on it. It is illegal to drive a vehicle with a dangerous defect.

Renewing an Irish Passport - Irish citizens can now renew their passport book, renew their Passport Card, or apply for their first Passport Card online using the Online Passport Renewal Service. Online Passport Renewal Service is available to Irish citizens who have previously held an Irish passport which has not expired by more than five years. This fast, secure and convenient service can be used by Irish citizens living anywhere in the world and is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

Online applications allow you to submit a digital photo for your passport application. To renew a Passport on-line:

- You must have previously held an Irish passport and your most recent passport must have expired less than 5 years ago.
- If your passport has been lost, stolen or damaged you can use the Online Passport Renewal Service to apply for a replacement.
- Adults can renew their passports without the need for additional supporting documents or witnesses in many instances. Some categories of application, for example, where a change of name is being requested, require additional supporting documents to be sent to the Passport Service.
- Child renewal applications (under 18) require the verification of identity and the consent of all guardians before a passport can issue. A signed and witnessed Child Passport Identity and Consent Form must be sent to the Passport Service for all child applications. This form will be made available at the end of the online process. Some categories of application may require additional supporting documents to be sent to the Passport Service. If your child's passport book has more than 6 months validity remaining at the time of application, you will need to return it to the Passport Service for cancellation.
- If you wish to change your name on your passport book you can do so via the Online Passport Renewal Service. You will need to provide additional documents to support this type of application which will be detailed early during the online process.
- The Online Passport Renewal Service is only available for the renewal of a passport. If you are making a first time passport application, you must make a paper application.

SOLAR PANELS - The Solar PV scheme gives grants to install solar photovoltaic (PV) panels and a battery energy storage system at one's home. This means one can generate and use renewable electricity in the home and reduce electricity costs. The Solar PV scheme is a pilot scheme administered by the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI). To qualify for a grant you must:

- Be the owner of a home built and occupied before 2011 (or a home constructed after 2011 that was built to the 2008 Building Regulations)
- Use new materials and products that were not already covered under another grant programme
- Use a registered contractor from the SEAI's Renewable Installers Register for Solar PV
- Have the electrical work completed by a Safe Electric Ireland electrician
- Apply to be connected to the electricity distribution system using the ESB Networks NC6 form (pdf)
- Have a Building Energy Rating (BER) carried out after the work is completed
- Agree to participate in SEAI research about the scheme

The grant normally covers materials and labour. The SEAI payment system opened in October 2018 - the grant can be claimed online and it will be paid directly into the relevant person's bank account.

The Charities Regulatory Authority (Charities Regulator) regulates charities in Ireland. It maintains a public register of charities and monitors their compliance with the Charities Act 2009. This Act sets out what an organisation must do to be recognised as a charity and the legal obligations for operating as a charity in Ireland.
To be considered a charity, an organisation must:

- Operate in the Republic of Ireland (though its target group can be elsewhere)
- Exist for a charitable purpose and exclusively promote this purpose (a charitable purpose is a goal that is of public benefit)
- Not be an excluded body (such as a trade union, chamber of commerce etc.)

The organisation must first give the Regulator information about itself, so the Regulator can assess if it meets the requirements to be a charity. If the Regulator approves the application, it awards the organisation charitable status, gives it a Registered Charity Number and lists it on the charities register. The Charities register can be checked at www.charitiesregister.ie. It is an offence for an organisation to describe itself as a charity and carry out charitable activities, if it is not registered with the Charities Regulator. The Charities Regulator can appoint an inspector to investigate a charity's affairs. The charity and its trustees must co-operate fully and give the inspector all the relevant accounts and documents. The Regulator can choose to take a charity off the register – for example, if it fails to comply with its financial obligations or give the Regulator the information it requires. Anyone concerned about a charity or its activities can raise a concern with the Charities Regulator. (SOURCE: www.citizensinformation.ie)

The Citizens Information HELPLINE is: 0761 07 4000 - OR - Call in to the Citizens Information Centre at Marina House, Clarence Street, Dun Laoghaire at any time between 9.30 am and 4.00 pm, Monday to Friday. No appointment necessary. Clarence Street is the turning to the right at the traffic lights at the junction of Lower Georges Street, Cumberland Street and York Road, Dun Laoghaire. Citizens Information offers a Free, Confidential and Impartial Service to the citizens of Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown on a very wide range of useful issues. Or Phone Dun Laoghaire CIC at: 0761 07 7400.

SHANKILL TENNIS CLUB

Susan McGing, PRO

We would like to welcome back all of our players this New Year! We hope everyone had a lovely break and keen to get back on the courts.

Ladies morning

We have started off 2019 with a new practice session - we have introduced a Ladies Morning on Saturdays, running from 9-11am. This has been introduced to allow ladies, who are unable to attend the midweek ladies morning, to play on the weekend. We hope to see lots of faces bright and early Saturday mornings!

Winter league

Winter league is underway this month! We were delighted to see so many of our players sign up to take part, allowing quite a number of teams to be entered into the tournament. We wish our players the best of luck in their matches. We also have begun coaching for ladies winter league players. With two coaching sessions taking place (6-7pm and 7-8pm), and coaching focusing on doubles tactics, this training is a welcome addition for our players to prepare for the league!

Other news

We would like to say a big well done to Ellie Murphy and David Mullins, who both competed in the National Indoor Championships in January. A fantastic effort by our Shankill TC players!

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EVENT DETAILS/RULES	
BADMINTON	Girls U15. Panel of 6. 2 singles and 1 double match. Dublin Finals Sun 27th Jan.
QUIZ	Team of 4 panel of 6. U14 can be mixed boys and girls. Dublin round 5th April
ART	• Shankill to be held on10th March 2019 in St. Anne's School. Age categories Boys and Girls U8, U10, U12, U14 and U16. • Within each age category, children will be asked to create an individual artwork based on a Community Games theme. • Art materials (other than paper) will not be provided, so each child must bring their own. No aerosol allowed. • There will be an external panel of adjudicators. • First 2 boys and first 2 girls within each age group will eligible to compete in the Dublin Art final on Sat 30th March 2019, in Artane Community Centre.
HANDWRITING	To be held on 10th March 2019 in St. Anne's School Age Categories U10 and U12 yrs. Two boys and two girls in each age category will be eligible to go forward to Dublin Finals on 28th March 2019.
TALENT	Age category U12 and U16 for boys and girls. Enter one of Solo dance (modern and disco), solo singing, solo music or solo recitation. Shankill Finals and Dublin Finals date to be confirmed.
MINI RUGBY	Boys U11 30th March
GAA	Boys U10 football and U 11 hurling, Girls U12 and U14 football. First round matches in May 2019.
ATHLETICS	• To be held on 28th April 2019 in Shanganagh Park first race 2.30pm. • Races include a sprint and longer distance for boys and girls in each age category U8, U10, U12, U14 and U16. • The first 2 in each age group will be put forward to the Dublin Athletics Finals on 8th/9th 2019 June, in Santry. • Panels will also be formed for relays in relevant age groups. Please pre register.
LONG PUCK/ BALL THROW	Boys U12, Girls U14 Shankill competition will be held at the Athletics on 28th April. Dublin Finals 8th/9th June 2019.
CROSS COUNTRY	U12 and U14 mixed distance relays. U 13 Cross County 1,200m. and U16 Marathon 7km. Dublin trials will take place on Wed 10th April. National Finals Limerick 25th/26th May 2019.
RULES	• You must live in Shankill/Rathmichael area. (Map available on request) • You do not need to be a member of a club. • Note Date of Birth is 31st July 2019. Eg in order to compete in Under 8 age category the child must be under 8 on 31st July this year. If 8 yrs before that date they move up to the next age category and so on. • Pre-registration required for all events entry fee €3.00 per child. • Registration forms available in local schools and St. Anne's Resource centre or by emailing ***shankillcommunitygames@gmail.com***

Athbhliain faoi mhaise 2019

Shankill GAA Club

YOUR COMMUNITY - - - YOUR GAA CLUB

Christmas in the Village
Great excitement as players and their parents get ready to escort Santa from St Anne's to his grotto in our village.

Santa visits Academy
Santa the magic man himself was all over the place this Christmas. He also turned up at our juvenile Academy in St Laurence College where he had a present for every boy and girl. "And WOW" what a great Shankill welcome the kids gave Santa on his arrival perhaps we may be lucky with a visit again next year. Kids please be good all through this year of 2019. Thanks to Liza Mitton for the pictures.

Junior Dubs Football Star 2019
Congratulations to our Adult Ladies player Aisling O'Leary on making the Dublin Junior Stars panel of players 2019 as selected by the LGFA in association with New Ireland Assurance. We are all so proud of Aisling well done. The hard work starts now.

Academy
Our Academy returns indoors to the comfort of the gym in St Laurence College on Saturday 2nd February for another year of fun and games with their friends. Coaches and club officials are refreshed and rearing to go. Yes, I know that we are all skint after Christmas but remember the cost is only €2 for each child each week and there is no annual subscription. Please come along and give the academy a try.

Adult Teams
We are always looking for new players for the Ladies and Men's adult football teams. Please message our Facebook page or contact the club GPO Steve Davis 087 6414123 or email stevedavis203@gmail.com

Operation Transformation
Our Operation Transformation walking group is up and "walking" . They meet every Thursday night at 7.00pm at St Anne's Church. The group is open to both club members and non-members so why not come along and join in on any Thursday. You are very welcome. Bring your High Vis Tops Folks.

CHASE the ACE
The draw is back and running every Sunday night in Brady's. At the time of going to press the jackpot stands at €1600. Tickets are €2 each or 3 for €5 available in the pub or from club members.

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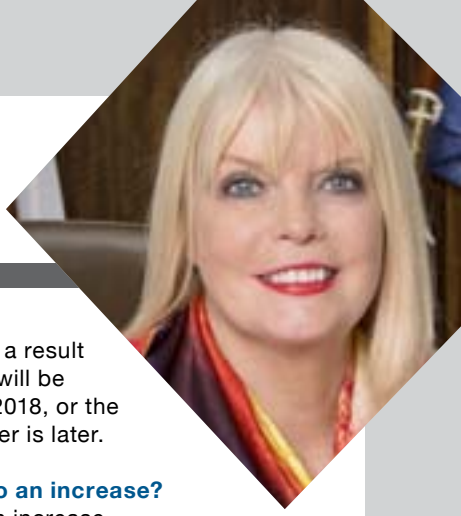
A message from Mary Mitchell O'Connor TD



Dear Constituent(s),

The Government agreed in 2018 to allow pensioners, born on or after the 1st September 1946, affected by the 2012 changes in rate bands, to have their state pension (contributory) entitlement calculated using a new "Total Contributions Approach" (TCA).

The changes also allow for up to 20 years of HomeCaring Periods in the calculation of that entitlement, for those who took time out of the workplace for care reasons (e.g., parenting children under age 12, or individuals who needed increased levels of care).

Rate band changes brought in by Budget 2012 – effective from 1 September 2012 – resulted in lower weekly pension entitlements for those with a yearly average of 39 contributions or less.

While each pension entitlement is based entirely on an individual's social insurance history, including any periods they may have been out of the workforce, here are two examples to illustrate the difference:

- Pensioner A, aged 72 since August this year, qualified for pension in August 2012 with a yearly average of between 10 and 14 (say 12). At today's rate they receive €121.70 per week.
- Pensioner B, aged 72 since October this year, with a similar work history and the same yearly average, qualified in October 2012 after the rate band changes took effect in September 2012. At today's rates this pensioner gets €97.20 per week.
- Pensioner A was awarded at the older more generous rates, whereas Pensioner B was awarded at the reduced post-September 2012 rates.
- In this example, the difference is €24.50 per week.

Those with a yearly average of 40 or more contributions did not incur rate reductions. Pensioners who qualified for the state pension (contributory) before the 1st September 2012 did not incur these rate reductions either.

This review offers those who qualified for reduced rate contributory pension since 01 September 2012 an opportunity to have their rate re-calculated under a new method and will, where relevant, allow up to 20 years of HomeCaring Periods.

When will the Department contact me about my pension review?

You may already have received an Information Letter from the Department of Social Protection. If you have, you will receive another letter when your pension is being reviewed to inform you about the outcome of your review, or to request further information. The reviews are due to continue for a number of months. You do not have to do anything until you hear from the Department again. General updates about these reviews will be provided on the Department's website at www.welfare.ie.

Note: If you were born on or after 1 September 1946 and are receiving a reduced rate contributory pension (or another payment) and did not get a letter you should contact the Department at 071 91 13680.

If I get an increase, will my payment be back dated?

If you are entitled to an increase in your state pension (contributory) entitlement as a result of this review, that increase will be backdated to the 30 March 2018, or the date you turned 66, whichever is later.

Will everyone be entitled to an increase?

The review will not lead to an increase in every pension. If you are not entitled to an increase, you will continue to receive your current rate of pension entitlement. Your personal rate of pension will not be reduced as a result of this review.

What do I do if I am asked for further information?

The Department of Social Protection will write to you if they need more information in relation to unexplained gaps in your social insurance record. You will be able to send the information required using the Department's online service. This will be the quickest and easiest way to provide the information needed to complete your pension review.

What are HomeCaring Periods?

New HomeCaring Periods are being introduced for pensioners born on or after 1st Sept 1946. This can be any period a person spent caring after they reached the age of 16. There are two categories of care:

- Parenting for a child under age 12
- Caring for an individual with increased care needs (adult or child of any age).

HomeCaring Periods are only applied to a pensioner's record for periods where they do not have a paid contribution or credited contribution, or were not in receipt of a payment from the Department – except Carers Allowance, Carers Benefit and Domiciliary Care Allowance payments.

Where can I get updates about these pension reviews?

General updates will be provided on the Department of Social Protection's website at www.welfare.ie.

I continue to work hard to represent the people of Shankill and the rest of the constituency. If I can be of any assistance in relation to your State pension, or on any national or local issue please contact me at mary.mitchelloconnor@oir.ie or call my constituency office on 01-8892199.

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Kind regards,

Mary Mitchell O' Connor TD

FROM SPECIAL TO EVERYDAY

Though I was a small child I remember it well, the feverish excitement in the house, whispered, hushed expectation and a flushed, giddy air about my mother. Neighbours were to be invited, family and friends too. My father was duly dispatched and arrived back, with the relative. And The Salmon!

The Salmon arrived up from the West of Ireland, wrapped in newspaper, packed tightly in ice, in a yellow fish box. We children watched in awe, somewhat confused as to why a large fish in a box could cause such a kerfuffle amongst our normally stoic, sensible mam and dad.

But, as it was gutted and prepared, a special pot purloined to cook it in, the explanations of wild and rare and caught specially must have filtered through to my young mind. This was a huge treat, not an everyday occurrence.

It was memorably delicious, the party feasted well on our special Salmon, gleaming and expansive on the good china platter. No salmon since has tasted like it, and I suspect, no salmon will, with a close second perhaps being wild, Alaskan, line caught salmon I had once in Seattle, Washington State.
I think of this sometimes when I'm shopping, when the ubiquitous ordinariness of salmon, in its shrink-wrapped plastic, glares out neon pink from the chill section in the supermarkets. I try not to buy this stuff too often; farmed salmon is treated with antibiotics and anti -fungal medicines so the fish can survive in huge overcrowded cages. Nothing wild and natural about that. Then there is the pink dye added to the fish food pellets so the flesh will look like salmon after it's processed. Naturally wild salmon eat tiny crustaceans which provide the zeaxanthin carotenoid pigment which colours the fish flesh. And the natural zeaxanthin has serious antioxidant benefits to the human body.

When we see cabinets full of cheap chicken, and discounted pork piled high, we should wonder at the production values of our common sources of protein. Chicken meat is not something we need everyday. It used also be a treat, a Sunday roast chicken and it was used in its entirety. And so it could be again.

Buy the best chicken you can afford, free range or organic if available and within your budget; buy the full bird, roast and have it for dinner, next day use leftovers for a curry, or a pasta dish or sandwiches, then boil the carcass for stock for soup or casseroles.

Get to know your local butcher and find out where your meat is coming from, for your own health and the health of your family. Ditto at the fishmongers.

Wild fresh fish is expensive yes. Keep it to an occasional dish and its affordable.

Things that were special and occasional have become mainstream. But the quality has definitely suffered. I read somewhere that 66 billion chickens were consumed worldwide in 2017. The mind boggles at that figure, at the decreased value of a once treasured food source. It cannot possibly be sustainable.

By now January will have kissed our sorry asses goodbye. Like many others, I find this time of year tough, so I don't make resolutions because I know I probably won't keep them.

But I have however decided to try and avoid farmed fish and factory produced cheap chicken. Instead I will ramp up my veg intake and bone up on my repertoire of vegetarian meals. I couldn't do vegan as I love a small amount of dairy (butter, yogurt, some milk, eggs) but am giving my ancient vegetarian cookbooks another whirl. I'll let you know how I get on!

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Recipes

by Vivien Reid

We are spoiled for choice with the new recipes on the Operation Transformation website.

These are healthy tasty meals for all the family, not just for those who need to lose weight. Each recipe comes with a video of how to make it which is really useful.

I have selected one recipe here – go to the website for more and to see the videos. See www.ot.rte.ie/recipes

Crispy Chicken And Ham Rollups

Serves 2

2 skinless and boneless chicken fillets
1 tsp olive oil (5g)
2 thin slices of Parma or cooked ham (all excess fat removed)
25g Cheddar cheese
25g fresh white breadcrumbs (or use dried white breadcrumbs known as panko)
200g baby new potatoes
200g frozen peas
freshly ground black pepper

Preheat the oven to 200C / 400F / gas mark 6. Put the breadcrumbs on a plate and season with plenty of freshly ground black pepper.

Cut each chicken fillet in half horizontally then brush one side with oil and place that side down on the breadcrumbs. Place a piece of the ham on each piece of the chicken and grate over the cheese, then season with plenty of freshly ground black pepper and roll up to enclose the filling. You will end up with two chicken & ham roll ups.

Secure each chicken & ham roll up one with a toothpick, then arrange in a small baking tin lined with parchment paper. Place in the oven and bake for 25-30 minutes or until the chicken is cooked through and tender and the breadcrumbs are golden brown.

Meanwhile, steam the potatoes using a petal steamer in a saucepan over a medium heat for 15-20 minutes until tender. About 5 minutes before you are ready to serve put on the peas in a pan of boiling water and cook for 3-4 minutes over a medium heat until tender, then drain. Arrange the chicken roll ups on plates with the steamed baby potatoes and peas to serve.

Prepare Ahead: *The chicken roll ups can be made up to 3 days in advance and kept covered in the fridge ready to cook or they can also be frozen for up to one month very successfully. Simply leave to thaw out overnight in the fridge before cooking.*

Shanganagh Ramblers

1st Stage of the Wicklow Way - Roy Finegan

The club kicked off the New Year with a walk of the first Stage of the Wicklow Way on a beautiful January day. From our starting point of Kilmashogue Wood car park, we ascended the mountain of the same name, adjacent to Stackstown (formally Stagstown) Golf Course. We continued towards Three Rock Mountain until we reached the ridge linking Fairy Castle to Tibradden Mountain where we had a very welcome lunch break. Having negotiated another couple of ridges, we arrived on the Glencullen road before descending to Boranaltry Bridge.

After crossing the bridge we ascended Glencullen mountain and entered County Wicklow. We eventually came to Curtlestown Forest from where we had views of Glencree, Maulin, Djouce and Tonduff. We then followed stretches of forest and tarmac road before entering Lackan Wood and descending to Knockcree Hostel. Finally we crossed to the bank of Glencree river which we followed until we reached the wooden bridge into Crone Wood.

The total climb was 650m and the distance was 20 kms.

We Need To Talk About... SHANKILL!

Changes are coming - Can our Community have a say?

Shankill Tidy Towns like to boast about our wonderful location, literally between the mountains and the sea, but this could also be a major problem. Shankill shares a narrow 2Km wide strip of land with one of Ireland's main traffic arteries, the M11 motorway.

Population Growth

Ireland's population is growing and so inevitably is Dublin's. More houses are needed, for the existing housing crisis as well as this growing population.

Shankill is home to more than 10,000 people, but lacks the infrastructure and amenities of a community of this size. Developments like Woodbrook-Shanganagh Castle, will further increase the population.

Cherrywood, with a population of 30,000 and a major town centre, will further overload infrastructure.

Transport Infrastructure Plans Impacting Shankill

The panel to the right lists a number of plans to alleviate existing and expected transport issues.

The BusConnects Core Bus Corridor Project could have a huge impact on Shankill Village, with on-street parking, wide pavements and flower planters all at risk. The trees and granite walls on the roads to Dublin and Bray could also be in jeopardy.

A Plan for Shankill?

At risk of effectively becoming a bus stop between Cherrywood and Bray, what options has Shankill, with only limited space between mountains and sea?

Rather than the Village becoming a 4 lane highway, could buses and/or cars be rerouted away from the village, perhaps to a service road beside the M11?

Instead of major uncoordinated developments, would a Local Area Plan for Shankill allow the various options to be discussed and agreed by all concerned, including the community of Shankill?

Shankill Tidy Towns can be a catalyst for awareness and debate. We would prefer to keep our yellow vests for our regular work groups!

Shankill Tidy Towns 2019

Shankill Tidy Towns are currently finalising their 2019 programme and intend to present details in next month's SCAN and at a public meeting in April.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT...

Gaisce volunteers working with *Shankill Tidy Towns*

Transport Infrastructure Plans

N11/M11: A 2017 report for Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) noted that delay in investing in the M11/N11 from the M50 junction to Junction 14 will lead to further congestion and constrain growth in DLR and Wicklow.

In November, TII launched the "N11/*M11 Junction 4 to Junction 14 Improvement Scheme*" seeking to identify underlying problems and evolve solutions by making improvements across a range of transport modes. https://n11m11.ie

BusConnects: Better known for its proposed redesign of bus routes, BusConnects seeks to reform Dublin's bus system. Its Core Bus Corridor Project proposes a network of bus corridors on busy routes making journeys "*faster, predictable and reliable*", with a standard corridor of footpath, cycle track, bus and car lanes in both directions.

One such route is Bray to the City Centre, directly impacting Shankill Village and its principal approach roads. Route announcement is due mid-February, but a 2018 report, recognising constraints in Shankill, suggested cycle routes nearer the coast, rather than through the village.

Reaction to Core Bus Corridor routes announced to date focused on loss of front gardens but implications for Shankill are potentially huge. https://www.busconnects.ie

Cycle Lanes: BusConnects also promises to deliver "*a step-change in cycling facilities*" possibly tying in with 2014 Cycle Network proposals for an East Coast Trail along the coast linking with a wider network.

Woodbrook DART Station: Included in DLR's Woodbrook-Shanganagh Local Area Plan 2017-23.

Shankill to Bride's Glen Cycle Route & Footpath: DLR have yet to announce the route, which will possibly use the viaduct over Cherrywood Road.

Luas Extension to Bray: Still in longer term plans with possible stops at Stonebridge and Crinken.

M50 Junction 16 Cherrywood Link to Rathmichael Road: Suggested in TII 2017 report, would have major impact on Stonebridge, Ballybride and Ferndale Roads.

Shankill Tidy Towns - The U in COMMUNITY

SHANKILL FC
Part of our community

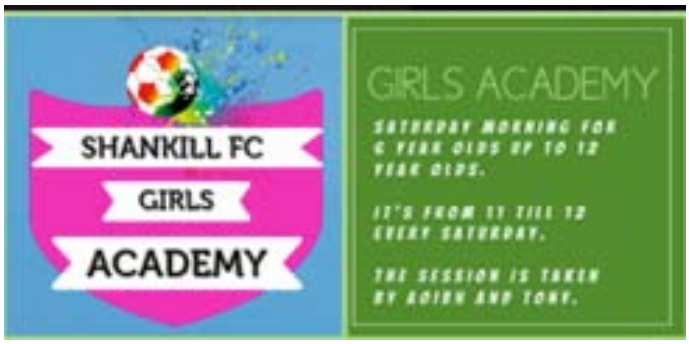
Shankill has always had a proud sporting tradition and at the heart of our community is the Shankill Football Club. Providing top class facilities and coaching for kids in the area from the age of 4, with both boys and girls enjoying the opportunity to socialize and make new friends. Our teams have had lots of successes this year, but the real winners are all the players who get to keep fit and learn a great sport in a safe environment. Contact us on ***www.shankillfc.ie or info@shankillfc.ie*** to see if there is an opening for your child to participate in a team, or in one of our upcoming events?

Shankill FC 2018 Award Ceremony

One of the highlights of the year is our annual award ceremony where we celebrate the wonderful achievements by the kids during the season. We are very proud of all the Girls and Boys teams that did so well throughout 2018.

Christmas in the Vilage

We had a terrific day at the Shankill 'Christmas in the Village' event on Sunday 25th November. There was a huge turnout by the people of Shankill and beyond. Very well done to John, Emma and the Brady's team who did a brilliant job in managing this great annual event.
We had many visitors to our Shankill FC stand including Minister Mary Mitchell-O'Connor, Denis O'Callaghan and Ireland soccer legend Damien Duff who kindly took a minute for a quick photo with us.
Many thanks to Tim, PJ and Stephen for spending a chilly afternoon on the stand. We sold a bunch of Shankill FC hats, snoods, training gear & jackets which helped raise much needed funds for the restoration of our clubhouse



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QUESTION: "I am self-employed, and I want to set up a personal pension. Is it a better idea to contribute an annual lumpsum or to make regular payments throughout the year?"

There are advantages to each of these investment approaches. The most important decision is the one you have already made which is to start your contributions! The earlier you start contributing to a pension the better off you will be at retirement. Don't worry, even if you are late in the day starting your pension it's still possible to build up a significant sum by saving regularly. Regular contributions are flexible, so you can stop and start them as you wish or change the amount. You can also change where you invest to suit your views and the level of risk you want to take.

Regular investing has the advantage of providing some additional security to those of us who find the idea of investing in the stock market stressful or daunting. By investing monthly in chunks, rather than a larger lump sum in one go, an investor ends up buying more shares or units when prices become cheaper and fewer when they become more expensive. Over a period of time this approach can help smooth out the highs and lows of the market. This investment approach can be particularly beneficial in volatile markets or when the market is experiencing high levels of uncertainty, for example in the current volatile conditions largely caused by Brexit.

For example, if you invest €100 every month into a fund, the cost of the units for each purchase will depend on how the assets in the fund have performed. For example, if in March the units' cost 50c each you would get 200 units for €100 invested. Then if in April they are 54c each you would only get 185 units for the same amount of money.

This style of investing does not necessarily work in your favour and investing an annual lump sum might work out better depending on the cost of investing on any given day. However, it is notoriously difficult to 'time' the market. The real key to a successful investment strategy is time in the market (investing for the long-term). Monthly investing offers a systematic approach that can offer a greater level of security and peace of mind. Though, as with all investments, there are still risks and you could get back less than you put in especially over the short term.

A personal pension is a long-term investment plan to provide for your retirement. You will have a choice of funds into which you can invest your premiums. The funds you choose will depend on the level of risk you are happy to take to achieve a return on your investment. Significant tax relief is available on the contributions you make whether you make regular contributions or an annual lumpsum.

Your contributions can invest in a mix of shares, bonds, property and cash. The value of your investment will rise and fall in line with the values of investment funds therefore you are not guaranteed any specific personal fund value by retirement age. Pensions can be complex products, so you may wish to get financial advice.

Shankill & Ballybrack Community First Responders

What a year 2018 was for us at Shankill & Ballybrack Community First Responders!

Through some wonderful donations, grants from Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, hard work from our team and help from local businesses we have installed 4 Public Access Defibrillators in the surrounding area.

2018 has also seen our volunteer responders going live with the National Ambulance service, responding to calls within both the Ballybrack and Shankill area.

Our training team has grown and have been working hard offering training to our friends and family, and the staff, friends and family of local businesses.

Most recently, we were involved in Shankill Christmas in the Village where we invited everyone to come and try some CPR and gave demonstrations on the use of an AED just like the one outside Brady's.

We are planning to run training courses for local clubs over the summer, so if your club is interested in learning about life saving CPR skills, please contact shankillcfr@gmail.com to arrange a demonstration night for your club.

We wish to thank all of our volunteer responders, friends, family, businesses & members of the community for their continued support.

Our volunteer members ready and waiting to demonstrate CPR at Shankill in the Village.

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Ask a Councillor

Cllr. Carrie Smyth

FLOODING OF QUINN'S ROAD AT THE ENTRANCE TO SHANKILL BOWLING CLUB AND SHANKILL TENNIS CLUB.

I first raised this item with the Council's Municipal Services Department in March 2018. I contacted them more recently requesting an update after the rain in December and I received the following response:

The drainage works at the tennis club entrance will take priority in January 2019. Generally the problem with drainage on Quinn's Road is due to the ditch being filled in over the years at entrances to private property, rendering it useless. This would constitute unauthorised development.

This means that either the ditch needs to be re-established (probably not suitable in an urban setting), or a new surface water system needs to be constructed for that section of Quinn's Road.

This new drainage system is not on our programme to date, so will be subject to the funding and resources, so no definitive date for this work can be given at this stage.

FUTURE HALLOWEEN EVENTS

Question: *To ask the Chief Executive to consider hosting Halloween specific events on Halloween night to discourage burning of bonfires etc.?*

Reply: The Council's premier Halloween event is Samhain in Marlay Park, which had over 15,000 attendees in 2018. The event has grown in popularity and size each year and is hugely successful. In relation to specific events to discourage bonfires, the Parks Section will liaise with the Community Department in an effort to progress this idea for Halloween 2019.

CORBAWN LANE COASTAL PROTECTION WORKS

Question: To ask the Chief Executive for an update on the Corbawn Lane Coastal Protection Works?

Reply: Tenders have been received for the construction contract and award is imminent.

NOTE: After submitting the question above I received the following e-mail on the 30th of November:

"Corbawn Lane Beach Access and Coastal Protection works

We are proceeding with the protection/stabilisation works to the beach access at Corbawn Lane, Shankill, Co. Dublin, and to some 180 metres of cliff to the north of the access. It is good news that these essential works are progressing and that, separately, plans are progressing in relation to environmental and coastal protection measures at the old Bray landfill.

During the Corbawn Lane Beach Access works it will not be possible to use the present access, and, depending on tide levels, it may not be possible to travel along the beach past the works.

As a result, it is proposed that Corbawn Lane Beach Access will be closed to the public from the 10th of December 2018 for approximately 6 months. The closure is required to facilitate the above repairs and protection works to the beach access and adjacent cliff faces.

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QUINN'S ROAD, SHANKILL

SHANKILL BOWLING CLUB

by Paddy Hughes PRO

February 15th will mark the start of our Silver Jubilee Year, Shankill Bowling Club having been formed in 1994, following the results of a survey carried out the previous year by the Shankill Community Association. The intention was to meet the need of those members in the community seeking light exercise in a friendly social atmosphere. A meeting was duly held at which the chairman of the S.C.A. Jim Kelly presided. The following people were present at the meeting:

Alec & Kathleen Tighe, Paddy & Anne Williams, John & Helen O'Connor, Maura Bannon, Lil. Fallon, Anne McKeever, Angela Byrne, Christy & Nuala Shortt, Simon Williams, Paddy Hughes, Joe O'Neill, Martin Horan, Pat Charlie Byrne, Kathleen & Jim Kelly.

It was agreed that the long term objective of the club would be to develop an Outdoor Bowling Green and, in the interim, an Indoor Club was formed and the following committee was selected:
Martin Horan – President
Angela Byrne – Secretary
Lil Fallon – Treasurer
John O'Connor – Captain
Jim Kelly – Public Relations Officer

Two second-hand bowling mats were acquired at very reasonable cost from St Paul's Parish Glenageary, while Greystones bowling club donated two sets of bowls. The main hall in Scoil Mhuire was then kindly made available to us by the parish and within a month, we were up and running. The club very successfully operated from there, two nights per week, having two teams playing the Night League, until the club was provided with a new clubhouse at Quinn's Road, by the Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Council in 2013. We wish to record our most sincere appreciation to the board of management of Scoil Mhuire for their good will, courtesy and help during those years.

In the year 2000, our long-term objective was achieved after many years of fund raising by various committees, individuals and with the help of the National Lottery and the Parks Department of Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Council, the All Weather Bowling Green was opened at Quinn's Road.

This occasion was part of the Shankill/Shankill Project, when we hosted teams from the Shankill Road, Belfast, to a week-end of Bowling. We have also attracted many new members including some very experienced outdoor bowlers. The club has three sections: Indoor (Mixed), Ladies Outdoor, and Men's Outdoor. As well as League commitments, there are many mixed social bowling events, which prove very popular. We are always open to new members - beginners especially catered for.

Contact the Clubhouse:
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Joe Kelly, Ann Wainwright and Aidan Murphy

Paddy, Liam and Liam

Kay and Liz

Shankill and Crinken Teams, 2002

Ask a Councillor

Cllr. Jim Gildea

WIFI4EU UPDATE:

As previously reported, I have been asking the council to secure funding from the EU for the rollout of public Wi-Fi in Shanganagh Park. I was informed recently (see below) that our initial request has been turned down, but I am satisfied that funds will be provided later this year.

"Dear Councillor,
Unfortunately, Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council has not been successful in our application for funding under the Wifi4EU programme on this occasion. It has however been indicated that those applicants not successful in round one can anticipate receiving funding in the following round – to open 'early 2019'. So, while disappointed with the result I am hopeful that funding will be forthcoming in the next round which can be earmarked against Shanganagh."

TRAFFIC QUINN'S ROAD

Question: *"To ask the Chief Executive to draw up a plan to slow down traffic on Quinn's Road, Shankill."*

Reply: Traffic volume and speed surveys were carried out on Quinn's Road in 2015 giving a figure of on average 1450 vehicles per day in each direction and an 85th percentile speed of 54 kph. A review of accident data available up to 2014 was also done which showed one minor accident on a side road off Quinn's Road in the period 2005-2014. To improve safety on the road the Traffic Section have within recent years upgraded the signing and lining on this road through the provision of additional SLOW road markings and the installation of Statutory Junction Ahead Warning signs on the road to advise motorists of the existence of side road junctions along here. The speed limit on Quinn's Road is 50kph and enforcement of this is a matter for the Gardaí.

STREET CLEANING:

Following my representations to the council regarding the dangerous condition of some footpaths in the area due to the build-up of leaves and overhanging branches I am pleased that the council has taken action in some estates before Christmas. Further work was carried out in early January.

"Dear Councillor Gildea,
I have inspected the footpaths in Castlefarm after sweeping and they are now completed and free of leaves. I have inspected the footpaths in Corbawn Drive after sweeping and they are now completed and free of leaves. I have inspected the footpaths in Dorney Court after sweeping and they are now completed and free of leaves. I have requested the hedge rows to be added to the schedule for cutting back by our road maintenance section CRM Number 134209."
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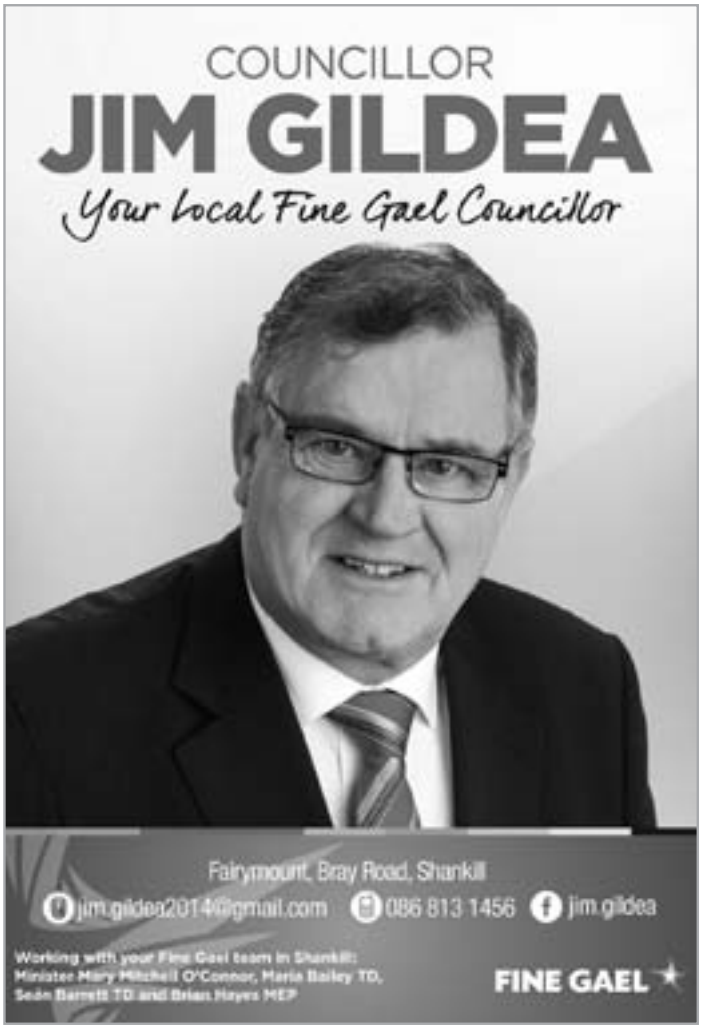

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Shankill Classical Music Club

Two very different evenings at the Shankill Classical Music Club – a video event devoted to a single singer, and an evening entirely of 20th century music.

In December we had one of our occasional video sessions, devoted to the music of the most famous soprano of the mid-twentieth century, Maria Callas. The guest presenter George Fleeton is probably Ireland's greatest expert on Callas, and his enthusiasm won over even those of us inclined to be sceptical about two hours devoted to a single performer. Although Callas's stormy personal and emotional life filled many pages of gossip columns, George concentrated on her art and distinctive performance style. Drawing on rare documentary video and audio material, and recalling his personal contacts with many close friends and associates of the singe r, he examined in detail what made her performances so unique and memorable. By common consent, hers was not the most sheerly beautiful voice, but it was the force of her personality, and the ability to inhabit a role, that made her the outstanding dramatic soprano of her time. *Norma* by Bellini, Violetta in Verdi's *La Traviata,* Puccini's Tosca: these and the other roles that she performed many times have been preserved in many official and unofficial audio and video recordings that aficionados continue to analyse and compare, decades after her death.

Introducing his selection for the January session, Dermot Kehoe remarked that the twentieth century saw the weakening of the dominance in so-called classical music of mainstream European composers. His choice reflected that, with not a French or Italian composer on the list, and even Germany was represented by a maverick, in the shape of Kurt Weill (two characteristically sly and sleazy cabaret-type songs). There was at least one probable first: no-one could recall the club ever having had a piece by a Chinese composer, living or dead. And a striking piece it was, in more ways than one: the final movement *(Song of Peace)* of the *Symphony 1997*, written by Tan Dun to mark the handover of Hong Kong, uses massive forces, including children's and adults' choirs, a large orchestra and, to crown it all, a set of historic huge bronze bells.

Two (north) Americans: the famous *Adagio* by Samuel Barber, in the string orchestra arrangement; and George Gershwin's ever-fresh *Rhapsody in Blue*, in a 1944 performance conducted by Toscanini, with pianist Earl Wild and clarinettist Benny Goodman. Similarly historic was a 1950s recording of one of the *Bachianas Brasileiras* by the Brazilian Heitor Villa-Lobos, sung by Victoria de los Angeles, with the composer conducting. Two very contrasting groups of songs by English composers: romantic by Ralph Vaughan Williams, and catchy – catty, even – ditties by William Walton, to eccentric words by Edith Sitwell, from the "entertainment" *Façade*. And two Nordics: Sibelius's *Finlandia*, and the dramatic finale of Carl Nielsen's fourth symphony, in which two tympani compete and combine to hammer out the *Inextinguishable* motif that gives the symphony its nickname.

Are we ready for some 21st century stuff? Watch this space!

The February 2019 meeting will be on the usual first Wednesday evening, the 6th, at the usual time and venue: 7.45 to 10.00 (with tea and biscuits at the interval), at the Old Folks' Association Centre, Lower Road, Shankill. New members and visitors are always welcome, with a cover charge on the night of only two euro.

Put the date in your diary now!

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RESURFACING WORKS RATHSALLAGH PARK/ SHANGANAGH CLIFFS

Work has now been completed on the resurfacing of a section of Rathsallagh Park and Shanganagh Cliffs. These works form part of a phased programme to resurface all of the bad sections of roadway throughout all the estates, when funding is made available. This is done in conjunction with the Estate Management Forum which operates in the area.

SHANGANAGH URBAN VILLAGE SCHEME UPDATE

I have received the following updated report on the Shanganagh Urban Village Scheme:

Report: Following the completion of the development of the Masterplan, the Executive intends to proceed without delay to the preparation of a revised Stage 1 Approval for submission to the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government, which is required for the progression of social housing under the Public Spending Code.

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School News in scan

Rathmichael National School

In support of World Diabetes Day we had a fundraiser on 14th November. For this we held a Crazy Hair Day and the children wore blue items of clothing. It was great fun. A lovely display of hair dos are on view in the corridor of the school. Many thanks to Shirley and Keith Garland for all their help with this.

We held an Art and Wine evening in early December. This is always a lovely evening where the children have their work displayed in the hall and the parents come and share a glass of wine with other parents. It is a very social event. This year we chose Marine life as our theme. We are working towards our Marine Life Green School Flag at present so it linked in very well. The children put in a lot of work and the display was superb. Great thanks must go to the teachers who guided the children and the PTA who provided the refreshments on the evening.

This year we had a very enthusiastic set of parents who put an advent calendar together for the school. This involved a lot of time and effort. There were doors to open throughout the run up to Christmas. Each class had an opportunity to open a door and there was great excitement with the surprises within. Many thanks to a parent who sponsored it all. We will look forward to next year in the hope that it will all happen again!!!!!

The whole school attended 'Beauty and the Beast' pantomime at the Mill Theatre just before the holidays. This was great fun and was enjoyed by all the classes and all the ages, including the teachers!

We had an activity for our Active Flag on the last day of term. This involved dancing to Christmas Music. Classes came down to the hall for a certain period of time to dance and be active in a fun way. They were allowed to wear Christmas jumpers, hats or red and green colours. Any excuse to be active in an enjoyable way.

Note from Maria Bailey, TD

2018 WAS A LANDMARK YEAR FOR PAID PATERNITY BENEFIT - BAILEY

Dún Laoghaire Fine Gael TD Maria Bailey has said that fathers are continuing to benefit from the Government's paid paternity benefit scheme with 6,906 fathers in Dublin availing of it in 2018.

Deputy Bailey said: "I'm delighted to see the continued success of this scheme. Uptake for paternity benefit has been steady throughout the year and I hope to see the trend continue in 2019."

The scheme has benefited thousands of fathers across the country with 24,080 availing of it nationwide last year.

The current rate of Paternity Benefit is €240 per week. Following Budget 2019, this will increase to €245 per week from the week beginning 25 March 2019.

I would encourage prospective fathers to sign up for Paternity Benefit. The application process is clear and simple. New fathers will require a Public Service Card in order to apply, and if they are an employee, they need to give four weeks' notice to their employer to qualify for the accompanying Paternity Leave.

Fathers who fulfil the PRSI requirements are eligible for Paternity Benefit when they take two weeks of Paternity Leave at any time within the first 26 weeks of their child's life, or following adoption.

All the information on how to apply for Paternity Leave, and how to get your Public Service Card, is available at www.welfare.ie/paternitybenefit.

Fine Gael in Government is committed to helping hard pressed working families and will continue to pursue a number of family friendly childcare options including subsidised high quality childcare, the opening up of our schools to provide aftercare and support for parents who choose to stay at home and care for their children," the Fine GaelTD said.

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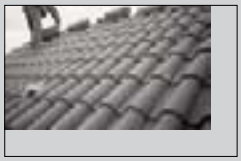
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School News in scan

St. Anne's National School

In S.E.S.E Ms Olson's class were learning all about jobs. We realised that there are so many different jobs that people do in the world and we had a think about what we would like to be when we grow up. We also learnt about the Emergency Services and the different work that they do. Probably the most interesting part of this topic was when we devised questions to interview our parents about their jobs. We practised our interviewing skills in school beforehand by conducting mock interviews in pairs and then we interviewed our parents for homework. We loved hearing about the work that our parents do.

Ms Walsh's Junior Infants were learning about animals, the weather and transport that you would use in the South Pole. Our play area was set up for camping in the South Pole and we have played at cooking food. We had binoculars, toy penguins and maps to enhance our learning experience. We also learnt a poem about Penguins.

Science Week inspired Ms Hughes' theme of Dinosaurs'. We worked as scientists excavating fossils from our Paleontology sand pit dig. We used our chisels and brushes to uncover fossils and then we recorded our findings on our clip board chart- serious business! We made our own salt dough 'fossils' by imprinting shells and toy dinosaurs into the dough. In art we created dinosaurs bone pictures. Deva also built us an amazing Volcano in our room so we could really go back to a prehistoric world during role play time. We have learnt the different names and characteristics of lots of dinosaurs and we even learnt 'The Dino Stomp' dance.

Local History Society Lectures

Mount Merrion Historical Society
Dr. Stephen Kelly will recall ***'Frank Aiken, International Statesman and External Affairs Minister'*** at 8 p.m. on Thursday February 7th in the Community Centre, North Avenue, Mount Merrion, Co. Dublin.
All welcome – admission €4 / Students €2.

The Old Dublin Society
Brian McCabe will speak on ***'Dublin to Kilcullen: Ireland's First Toll'*** at 6 p.m. on Wednesday February 13th in the Conference Room of Dublin City Library & Archive, 138 – 144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. All welcome - admission free.

Fergal MacCabe will present ***'Down with Dublin - Frank Gibney and the Role of the Capital City in the Vision of the Nation'*** at 6 p.m. on Wednesday February 27th in the Conference Room of Dublin City Library & Archive, Dublin 2. All welcome - admission free.

Enniskerry History Society
Ken Finlay will present ***'Charles Cameron - Saving the City'*** at 8.30 p.m. on Thursday February 14th in the Powerscourt Arms and Country House Hotel, Enniskerry Village, Co. Wicklow. All welcome - admission €5.

Irish Railway Record Society
The Irish Railway Record Society will hold a ***'Members Slideshow - European and Overseas subjects'*** at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday February 7th in the Society's Heuston Station, Dublin 8, premises. Members and their guests only.

Brian Solomon will speak about ***'General Motors locomotives in North America'*** at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday February 28th in the Society's Dublin 8, premises. Members and their guests only.

Rathmichael Historical Society
Fergus Mulligan will speak about ***'William Dargan - An Honourable Life'*** at 8 p.m. on Wednesday February 6th in Rathmichael National School, Stonebridge Road (Dublin Road end), Shankill, Co. Dublin. All welcome - admission €4. All welcome - admission €4.

Military History Society of Ireland
Brigadier John Powell will speak on ***'General Sir Edward Bulfin: Ireland's forgotten general of World War 1'*** at 8 p.m. on Friday February 8th to the Military History Society of Ireland in Griffith College, South Circular Road, Dublin 8. All welcome – wheelchair access available.

Foxrock Local History Club
Cormac Lowth will recall ***'Richard Bridges Beechey, Naval Officer and Marine Artist'*** at 8 p.m. on Tuesday February 19th in the Foxrock Parish Pastoral Centre, rere Foxrock R.C. Church, Foxrock, Co. Dublin. Declan Ryan will present a short talk on ***'Horace Plunkett – his life and work and his Foxrock connection'***. All welcome – admission €5.

Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society
Catherine Scuffil will speak on ***'The South Circular Road on the eve of the First World War'*** at 8 p.m. on Wednesday February 20th in the Royal Marine Hotel, Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. All welcome – entrance €3.

Bray Cualann Historical Society
Brian White will cover ***'The Maritime History of Bray'*** at 8 p.m. on Thursday February 21st in the Royal Hotel, Main Street, Bray, Co. Wicklow. All welcome - admission €5.

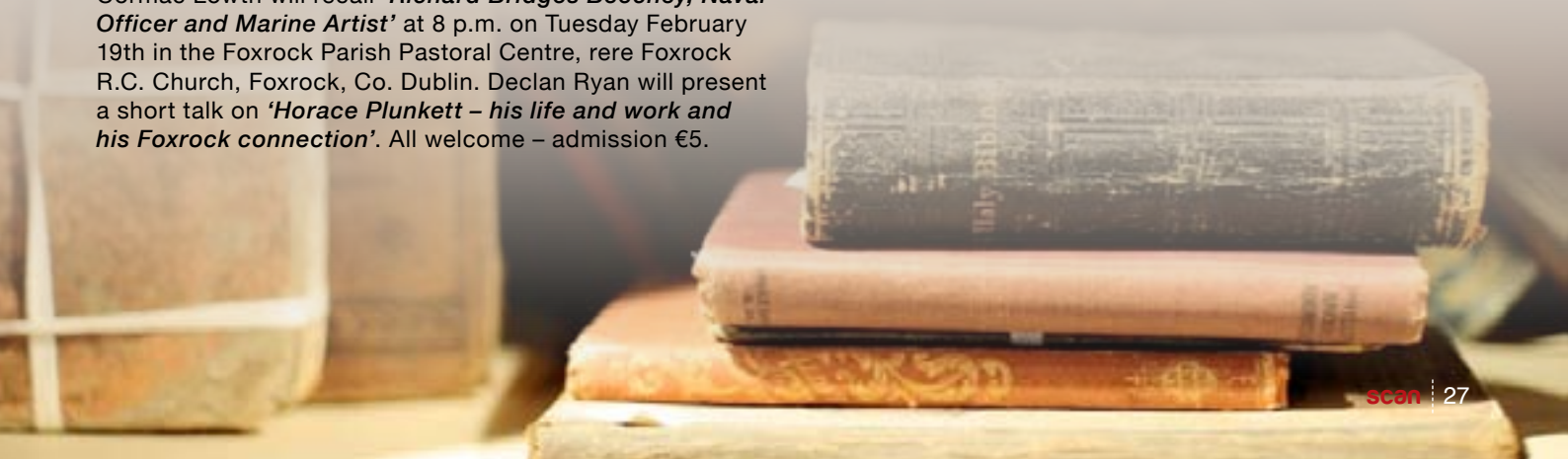
Publications

'Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society Journal 2019, No. 28', produced by the Publication Committee of Mona O'Donnell, Seamus O'Connor, Anna Scudds, and Colin Scudds.

Variety of content is the feature is this year's excellent publication which covers people, places and events relating to the Dún Laoghaire area by way of the following articles which includes ***'The Year of the Big Snow [1947]'*** by Miriam Fitzpatrick, ***'The Comp letion of Royal Terrace North', 'Disappearing Dún Laoghaire',*** and ***'The Early Municipal Buildings of Dún Laoghaire'*** by Colin Scudds, ***'Turtles at Hayes's Royal Hotel'*** by Tom Conlon, ***'Dún Laoghaire Baths Coming Down'*** by 'Ann Kennedy', ***'Moon Landing'*** and ***' Kish Lighthouse - Dublin Bay'*** by Anna Scudds, ***'Armistice Day in Kingstown - Monday 11th November 1918'*** and ***' Dún Laoghaire - Prelude to the Emergency: Friday 1st September'*** by James Scannell, ***'Killiney Stores'*** by Alice Cullen, ***'My Father - the War Profiteer! (Well, not really)'*** by Mary Grogan, ***'Coming to Glenageary - St. Catherine's Park'*** by Cecil Armstrong Martin; ***'Mystic Voices'*** by Brendan Henderson, ***'Seamus O'Kelly'*** by Mairdhia Ní Mhurchu, ***'Hockey Ár Lá'*** by Stephanie Batt, and ***'St. Joseph's Church, Glasthule'*** by 'Mona O'Donnell.

Copies of this excellent journal are available at monthly meetings of the Dún Laoghaire Borough Historical Society, from book sellers in the Dún Laoghaire area, or directly from the Society via their website - *www.dunlaoghairehistorical.com.*

A limited number of back issues are still available.



School News in scan

Graffiti Classics

When the musical group, Graffiti Classics, came to the school, the children experienced classical music in a fun and engaging way. All classes participated in their workshops during which, the musicians demonstrated dynamics, tone and rhythm in music. There was terrific student and teacher interaction and everybody left their session on a high.

Music Generation Workshop

Music Generation is a new initiative in our school and is part-funded by DLR County Council. It aims to promote music in the community. They are teaching violin to the third classes but they also provided us with a percussion workshop by "Simply Music" musician, Paul Maher and also a Barbershop Quartet recital. It was a wonderful experience and we all thoroughly enjoyed it.

Fighting Words

Ms. Downey brought her class to the "Aurora Centre" in Glencree to take part in a writing workshop called "Fighting Words". While there, the children learned how to write creatively and produced their own books to take home.

Brothers win Shankill FA Cup

Brothers from 5th & 6th Class won "Player of the Year" and "Players' Player of the Year" for Shankill FC.

Irish Aid - 6th Class only

Sixth Class visited Irish Aid to learn about the UN global goals for sustainable development 2015-2030 with particular emphasis on climate action, clean water and sanitation. We focused on Tanzania. Our tutor, Michael, having explained what life was like in Tanzania, allowed the children try on Tanzanian kangas. He explained that each one is specific to an area and has a particular pattern and meaning. They also got an opportunity to play the Djembe and Bongo drums and learned a Tanzanian song. The children learned a great deal in a fun and relaxed way.

Imaginosity

Through their Outreach programme "Imaginosity" visited our school and demonstrated to the children from Junior Infants to 3rd Class the effect food has on the different organs, i.e., the heart, the lungs, the brain and the stomach. They did this in a fun and interactive way and the children learned a lot and really enjoyed it.

3rd Egyptian Exhibition Museum Trip

When Ms. Downey and Ms. McCarthy's third classes had finished studying Ancient Egypt in History they were brought to The National Museum of Ireland to see the Egyptian Exhibition. Pictured here are some of the children with their project on Egypt.

Time to Read Launch

This is our 4th year to take part in the Bank of Ireland Business in the Community, "Time to Read" programme. This year it is Ms. Higgins' 2nd Class who are lucky enough to be involved. Pictured above are some of the participants at the launch of the programme.

SHANKILL OLD FOLKS DAYCARE CENTRE

CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES

There were all the usual Christmas festivities at the Daycare Centre including our much-loved Carol Service, which includes carol singing by pupils from St Annes, Rathmichael and Scoil Mhuire National Schools. A Christmas Tea organized by the Committee, and Christmas Dinner on the last Friday before closing for the Christmas break, completed the celebrations.

The Daycare Centre re-opened on January 7th after the Christmas break, with its range of activities including the regular Dance Theatre sessions as well as Irish Conversation and Keep Fit. The Wednesday Tea Club entertainment for January was the Andante Band on Wednesday January 16th. The Wednesday Tea Club, from 2 – 4 every Wednesday is open to all over 60s, and new members are very welcome.

COFFEE MORNING FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Daycare Centre could not function without the input of our many volunteers, and on Tuesday December 4th we held a coffee morning to say thank you to everyone who gives some of their time to help. Volunteering covers many aspects, and this was an opportunity for people to meet other volunteers who help in different areas. Some help with the monthly booksale, others with Meals on Wheels, while many are involved with the Daycare Centre itself on a rota basis. There was a raffle with many prizes, and also a special raffle of a Christmas cake made by one of our Committee members, Denise Allen, who is an ace cake-maker.

Volunteers Susan Wynne, Joan McCann and Mary McBennett at the Coffee Morning

Paul Deery, Anne Elliot, Beverly East and Vivienne Reid at the Volunteers Coffee Morning

Denise Allen presenting the cake she made to the winner of the raffle, Bernard Quinn

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PLANNING NOTICES

We are aware that some of the notices about planning applications and decisions are out of date by the time you receive your SCAN but we feel that our readers wish to know what is going on in their area. We would like to remind you to keep a look out for new planning notices and, if you feel that they could be of interest to you, go to the Planning Office in Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Hall, Marine Road and request to see the plans.

D18B/0513 Seeking Permission Date: 21-Nov-2018
Breffni & Evelyn Byrne, 3 Hilltop Lawn, Shankill, D18 EH90
Demolition of existing flat roof single storey rear extension. Construction of a 75sqm single storey rear extensions to the main dwelling along with all associated site development works, drainage, driveway access and landscaping to accommodate new rear extensions. Conversion of attic room in storage areas with stairs accessing attic space. The insertion of 2 X roof windows and 1 X dormer window to rear roof slope of main house. Internal alterations and renovations to ground floor along with external elevational changes to outside of main house.

D18A/1105 Seeking Permission Date: 26-Nov-2018
Valero Energy (Ireland) Ltd, Texaco Service Station, Shanganagh Road, Shankill, Co Dublin
Construction of a single storey extension (103.6 sqm) to existing service station building giving a total new floor area of 245 sqm. This increased service building will include retail area of 100 sqm (including off-licence of 10 sqm), new café/ food use seating area 47 sqm, new Deli counter 32 sqm and back of house area 49 sqm. Relocation of main entrance door and addition of exit door within glazed screen at south facing elevation. Additional shop signage. Ancillary site works to include removal of two brush wash pads, relocation of 4 car parking line marking all with associated site works and alterations.

D18A/0859 Additional Information Rec'd: 07-Dec-2018 Date: 07-Sep-2018
Knockfodda Enterprises Ltd, Bradys Public House, Main Street, Shankill, Co. Dublin
Permission for development consisting of a first floor extension (circa 43 sqm) over existing ground floor staff room and boiler house to provide 2 X staff offices located at the rear of the existing premises.

D18A/1137 Seeking Permission Date: 04-Dec-2018
Patrick O'Brien, 10A Ferndale Glen, Shankill, Co. Dublin
Construction of two storey house with waste water treatment system including tertiary sand filter and gravel infiltration bed which will contain all water on site and not result in additional groundwater in the area. New vehicular access, reduced ground levels, and ancillary works.

D18B/0539 Seeking Permission Date: 13-Dec-2018
Ciara Kenny Murray & Timothy Murray, Hillview, 29 Lower Road, Shankill, Co Dublin
Permission for a split level two storey extension to the rear of existing single storey dwelling, demolition of existing single storey area to the rear, internal alterations and all associated site works.

D18B/0546 Seeking Permission Date: 14-Dec-2018
Matt and Sinead Treacy, 93, Castlefarm, Shankill, D18 EF20
Permission for conversion of the attic to storage including changing the existing hipped end roof to a gable end roof, a window to the new gable wall and a velux rooflight to the front all at roof level.

D18A/1217 Seeking Permission Date: 20-Dec-2018
Macarena Capitas, 3 Ercks Cottages, Lower Road, Shankill, Co Dublin
Permission for alterations to approved planning permission D17A/0386, retention of alterations consisting of changes to front porch, reduction of floor area to rear bay windows, increase of floor area to side window seat area, omission of window to rear en-suite, new roof light to the rear slope of the front roof, increase in flat roof heights due to construction methods, demolition of external and internal walls of original cottage, elevational alterations to windows/doors to the side elevations and construction of new garden structure. Permission for lower of proposed roof lights approved under D17A/0386.

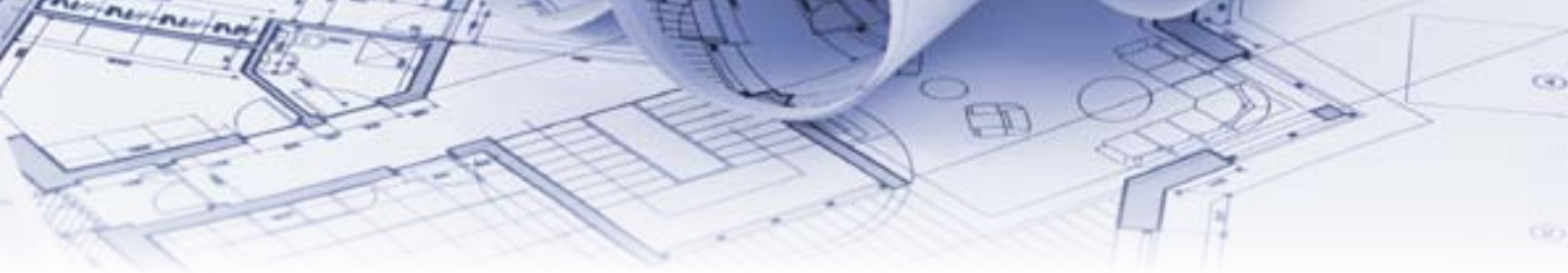
D18B/0569 Seeking Permission Date: 21-Dec-2018
Brian & Grainne Larkin, 23 Seaview Wood, Shankill, Co. Dublin
Installation of 2 X Velux roof lights size 780 x 1180mm to side elevation dormer roof, including alterations to roof and finishes.

PLANNING DECISIONS

D18B/0327 GRANT PERMISSION Date: 15-Nov-2018
Kalidone Developments Ltd, El Dorado, Quarry Road, Rathmichael, Shankill, D18FY24
Permission for development on a site (c.0.19ha). The development will consist of the reconfiguration and extension of existing three-storey dwelling house including: (i) demolition of c.10sq.m of existing floorspace at the ground floor level (south-west elevation); (ii) a single storey extension of c.11sq.m to the front (south-west) elevation at ground floor level; (iii) a new glazed entrance screen to the front (south-west) elevation at ground floor level; (iv) a c.78sq.m three-storey extension to the rear (north-east) elevation at ground, lower ground and basement/garden levels; (v) increased floor to ceiling heights at the ground floor level from c.2.6m to 2.7m metres; (vi) a new dormer roof treatment to facilitate the provision of habitable accommodation at this level (c.96sq.m), with dormer windows to front (south-west) and rear (north-east) elevations; (vii) conversion of the existing garage and store (c.58sq.m) at basement level to a gym and media room; (viii) conversion of existing store (c.14.8sq.m) at lower ground floor level to a toilet and hot press; (ix)revised elevation and fenestration arrangements to all elevations at ground, lower ground and basement/garden levels. All associated and ancillary internal alterations, landscaping and site works.

D18B/0375 GRANT PERMISSION Date: 14-Nov-2018
Barry O'Halloran, 6, Eaton Brae, Shankill, D18Y13
Two storey extension to front and rear of existing two storey dwelling, (ii) construction of an additional floor level to existing garage, (iii) erection of a non-habitable shed in the rear garden. All associated site works.

D18A/0919 GRANT PERMISSION Date: 22-Nov-2018
James Francis Mahon, 13 Rathmichael Road, Shankill, Co. Dublin
Permission for 3-bedroom dormer bungalow, replacement of existing septic tank and percolation area to new location and waste-water treatment plant and percolation area, new entrance, gates and walls and associated site works.



D18B/0423 REFUSE PERMISSION Date: 19-Nov-2018
Jason McGrane, 166 Corbawn Wood, Shankill, Co Dublin
Single storey ground floor front extension with flat roof over for extended porch and living room. A two storey side extension with pitched roof over for additional bedrooms. A single storey rear extension with flat roof over for extended kitchen room.
An attic conversion for additional bedroom space. A dormer roof extension to the rear. A raised ridge height to existing
roof profile.

D18B/0429 GRANT PERMISSION Date: 27-Nov-2018
John & Linda Collins, Brandywyne House, Rathmichael Haven, Ferndale Road, Rathmichael, Co. Dublin
Permission for modifications to the approved planning permission D17B/0380 to include the addition of a single storey play room extension to the north aspect of the existing house, along with all associated and ancillary site development works.

D18A/0355 GRANT PERMISSION Date: 12-Dec-2018
Peter and Philomena Pearson, Thomond, Holly Park, Shankill, Co. Dublin
Permission for development (a protected structure, ref: 1803). The development will consist of: the refurbishment and extension to a 3 storey detached dwelling house, including: the removal and closing up of an existing external access door to the west facade, minor internal alterations including; relocation of existing kitchen from first floor to ground floor together with alterations to access doors and partition walls, the removal of ground floor staircase and the installation of a new staircase, alterations and refurbishments to existing WC at first floor level, two bedrooms and one en suite WC at second floor level, the demolition and removal of lean-to entrance to the east facade to facilitate the construction of a new 33 sqm single storey partially glazed extension to the south facade, the replacement of existing ground floor sitting room window with new door, amendments to exiting entrances as follows: the replacement of existing vehicular and pedestrian entrances to North boundary, new automated vehicular entrance to the west boundary (adapted from previously granted planning permission Ref. No.D17A/0280) and the removal of one pedestrian entrance to south boundary, the removal of existing boundary hedge to the north, west and south boundaries to facilitate the construction of a new 2 m high boundary wall with piers and associated site works to facilitate the above works.

D18A/0547 CLARIFICATION OF FURTHER INFORMATION Date: 13-Dec-2018
Mrs Margaret Seely, Wilford House, Shankill, Co. Dublin (A Protected Structure)
Permission is sought for extend the existing guest accommodation within the Coach House by converting the ground floor storage rooms to Habitable use. This will include removing the existing modern staircase and stair hall partitions and replacing it with new stairs and lightweight partitions at ground and first floor; refitting the kitchenette as a bathroom and adding a lightweight partition to form a new bedroom at first floor level; removing part of the internal walls and adding a kitchen at ground floor adding glazed screens within the two main openings to the front elevation glazed door leafs to existing frames to front and back and reopening an original window to the front elevation and to replace the existing Waste Treatment System and install a new polishing filter and all associate works.

D18A/1219 DECLARE APPLICATION INVALID Date: 03-Jan-2019
Kalidone Developments Ltd, El Dorado, Quarry Road, Rathmichael, Shankill, Co Dublin D18 FY24
Permission for Retention of development as constructed including; block boundary walls along Quarry Road and garden areas of El Dorado and House A; vehicular access to El Dorado and House A; garage structures to Houses A, B and C; location and fenestration and external finishes of Houses A, B and C together with all associated landscaping and site works.

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D17A/1015 GRANT PERMISSION & REFUSE PERMISSION Date: 22-Nov-2018
Council's Decision: GRANT PERMISSION & REFUSE PERMISSION
Charton Homes Ltd, 0.925 ha at Shankill House, Ferndale Road, Shankill, Co. Dublin
Proposed Development Permission is sought for the retention of revisions to the access road to Shankill House from Rathmichael Haven (originally permitted under file ref: D14A/0110) and for the proposed development of new entrance gates, new stone gate posts and stone entrance walls and associated site and landscaping works on a site. Shankill House is a protected structure (rps no. 1829).

D18A/0230 REFUSE PERMISSION Date: 30-Nov-2018
Council's Decision: REFUSE PERMISSION
Charlton Homes Ltd, Site of c.3.2 ha located within the attendant grounds of Shankill House, Ferndale Road, Shankill, Co. Dublin
Permission for the construction of 17 X 4-5 bed, 2 storey, detached houses ranging in size from c.278 sqm to c.309 sqm and 4 garages (2 no. attached 50 sqm) and 2 detached (26 sqm), new boundary treatments, revisions to vehicular entrance to the east at Ferndale Road, all associated site development and landscaping and engineering works to create connections to main services. No works are proposed to Shankill House or its out-buildings. Shankill House is a Protected Structure (RPS no. 1829).

D17A/0898 GRANT PERMISSION Date: 08-Jan-2019
Council's Decision: GRANT PERMISSION & REFUSE PERMISSION
The Health Service Executive, Loughlinstown Ambulance Base, Dublin Road, Shankill, Co Dublin
Permission for a canopy structure to cover existing ambulance parking/charging bays, a proposed ambulance wash bay and ancillary site works.

D18A/0477 REFUSE PERMISSION Date: 05-Dec-2018
Council's Decision: REFUSE PERMISSION FOR RETENTION
Malcolm & Susan Stuart, Pale Farm, Pucks Castle Lane, Ballycorus, Rathmichael, Co Dublin
Permission for Retention of existing 133 sqm bungalow, well, effluent system and associated site works. The proposed retention permission will remove the requirement to demolish this dwelling as provided under the development description of Reg. Ref. D10A/0025.

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